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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147

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ISDH pauses use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

Wabash clinic, which uses Moderna, has reported no supply issues

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

U.S. agencies on Tuesday recommended a "pause" in using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine in order to investigate reports of rare but potentially dangerous blood clots.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that they were investigating unusual clots that occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. The acting FDA commissioner said she expected the pause to last a matter of days.

As a result, on Tuesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) proactively notified all vaccination clinics

using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to pause its use.

"The state has not received official notification of a directive to pause but is doing so out of an abundance of caution," stated the ISDH.

The ISDH stated they would send the two-dose Moderna vaccine to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which was conducting mass vaccination clinics Tuesday, "so that Hoosiers can continue to get vac-

inated without interruption."

"The department is also working with other clinics that were scheduled to use the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the immediate future," stated the ISDH.

On Monday, Parkview Wabash Hospital president Marilyn J. Custer-Mitchell said the Wabash vaccination site was "going well."

"After the first half-hour or so of each clinic day, we have very little wait time typically,"

said Custer-Mitchell. "Most days, all the appointments are close to being full. Typically someone can get on the schedule in Wabash within a few days or a week at the latest."

Hoosiers age 16 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. However, 16-year-olds and 17-year-olds may only sign up for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Custer-Mitchell said the

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Several small, in-person ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 22 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus.

Manchester University sets in-person graduation ceremonies

First students with dual pharmacy, pharmacogenomics degree will graduate

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The Manchester University community looks forward to coming together to celebrate the Class of 2021 Commencement.

Several small, in-person ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 22 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus.

Graduate and Professional ceremony are at 9 a.m. for Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training, Master of Pharmacogenomics, and the dual degree in pharmacy and pharmacogenomics (Pharm.D. and MS in PGx). Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy (M.Acct.) ceremonies are in this order:

■ 11:30 a.m. Honors Pro-

gram, College of Arts and Humanities, M.Acct. and Gilbert College of Business

■ 2:30 p.m. College of Pharmacy, Natural and Health Sciences

■ 4:30 p.m. College of Education and Social Sciences

Manchester is graduating its first students with a dual pharmacy and pharmacogenomics degree.

Undergraduate honors students will graduate together, regardless of college.

COVID-19 risk mitigation efforts will continue. Everyone will be required to wear a mask, graduates will be limited to a specific number of guests, and social distancing will be implemented on stage and in the audience. Processions and recessions will be limited.

Post-commencement celebrations will be outside.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Senators reflect on Capitol attack three months later

Both Republican senators visited Indiana during Senate recess

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Last week was a scheduled recess for the U.S. Senate, and it happened to coincide with the three-month anniversary of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

During their respective visits to Wabash, Republican Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun took the time to recount their feelings about the insurrection.

Young

On Monday, Young spoke to local business leaders at the offices of Grow Wabash County.

After the event, Young said Jan. 6 was a "surreal day."

"It almost caused me to have an out-of-body experience," said Young. "I wasn't aware of the extent and the breadth of the situation outside the Capitol and then inside the Capitol because I was in the chamber until much later."

Young had announced before the joint session of Congress began that he wouldn't support the objections to Biden's electoral votes, saying he would "uphold my constitutional duty and cer-

tify the will of the states as presented."

Young said he was initially "preparing for a fight."

"I didn't have time to be afraid or to think about the rough people outside. Instead, I was assuming the worst," said Young.

Young said he presumed there was a sniper up in the galleys because the sergeant-at-arms "plucked away" Vice President Mike Pence from presiding over the proceedings.

"Then it was pretty clear because the sergeant-at-arms told us that these protesters had actually penetrated the Capitol," said Young. "I was preparing for a physical brawl

if necessary against treasonous forces in our midst."

Young said he experienced "a range of emotions."

"We had some people crying on the floor of the United States Senate, which is understandable," said Young. "There were others that were confused."

From 1995 to 2000, Young served in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of captain.

Young said his "training served me well to remain composed and sort of prepare for whatever we had to do."

"My colleagues and I weren't aware of how close it

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Local, statewide health officials decry SB 5

Bill would strip enforcement powers during an emergency

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County's top health official says a bill being considered in the State Capitol goes too far in scaling back a health officer's powers during an emergency.

Dr. David Roe is not alone.

The Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA) is also pushing back against Senate Bill 5, which the organization said in a news release "is a direct response to actions taken by local health departments during the COVID-19 pandemic."

The bill, authored by Republican senators Chris Gerten, Ron Alting and Mark Messmer and co-authored by local Republican Sen. Stacey Donato and several others, "provides that if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared

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WPD on the lookout for school bus stop-arm violations

The statewide program includes 200 police agencies across state

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This week, the Wabash Police Department (WPD) is joining law enforcement agencies across the state in increased school bus safety patrols.

WPD public information

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VFW Post No. 286 to host fish fry Friday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 in Wabash is hosting a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 16 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford. The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost will be \$9 per person. The event will be open to the public. Carryout will be available. For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Controversial environmental bills inch near passage

By CASEY SMITH
Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawmakers approved two environmental bills Tuesday that critics say could damage the state’s ecosystems by scaling back current policy affecting water, energy and other resources. A measure seeking to remove protections from Indiana’s already diminished wetlands would eliminate a 2003 law that requires the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to issue permits in a state-regulated wetland and end enforcement proceedings against landowners allegedly violating current law. The proposed rollbacks have sparked bipartisan opposition within the Republican-dominated Legislature and from Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, prompting lawmakers to scale back the intended repeal last week. New amendments approved by the House on Monday, however, would still reduce wetland permitting regulations for croplands and ephemeral, or temporary, streams. The bill was additionally amended to be retroactive as of Jan. 1, meaning building projects in some wetland areas would no longer need permits. Fees currently required to be paid to state — as compensation for any harm those projects might cause to wetlands — would also be eliminated. Another provision added to the measure would establish a task force to study wetland classifications and recom-

mend strategies to reduce the costs of wetland compliance incurred by builders. The bill passed the House in a 58-40 vote Tuesday and now heads back to the Senate for final approval. Democratic lawmakers said Tuesday the House version of the bill — while less extreme than the original legislation moved by the Senate — is a step “backwards” and noted that the latest changes to the legislation still rolls back what opponents say are critical protections for wetlands. Noting that the loss of wetlands could lead to high costs caused by increased flooding, less water purification and lost wildlife habitat, the Hoosier Environmental Council also echoed Democrats’ call for the bill to be converted to a wetlands task force in conference committee. House Majority Leader Matt Lehman, of Berne, maintained that the bill improves current law but “continues to provide protections.” “You can still remediate as you’ve always remediated, but we’ve protected what I think is the most vulnerable (wetlands),” he said. The Indiana House also voted 65-30 Tuesday to advance a separate bill back to the Senate that would create a state-sponsored carbon market, allowing companies looking to offset their carbon footprint to pay for greenhouse gas reduction efforts. Although the plan has earned broad support, Democrats and environmental advocates pushed back against the bill after it was amended

to provide immunity to an Indiana company slated to begin the nation’s largest carbon dioxide storage project in 2023. The provision adopted by House lawmakers prevents Wabash Valley Resources LLC, which operates a hydrogen production facility in Terre Haute, from being sued if carbon emissions it injects underground move to neighboring properties where they are not supposed to go. Landowners could not bring legal action against the company for perceived risks and would only be able to claim damages if they prove the company caused physical harm to them or their property, according to the amended bill. Rep. Matt Pierce, a Democrat from Bloomington, said Tuesday the immunity provision gives Wabash Valley Resources “a pass” to infringe on the personal property rights of those who live nearby, arguing that “perceived risks” associated with the pilot project can negatively affect landowners. “You attempt to go and recover from the party that damaged you through the migration of this (carbon dioxide) injection, and our statute says ‘not yet,’” Pierce said. “You’ve got to keep suffering through until the plume actually makes it to your property and you can point to physical damage, even though you’re probably sitting on property now that you can’t sell, and you’ve suffered real financial harm.” If approved by the Senate, the bill will head to the governor’s desk.

Expert says cop was justified in pinning down George Floyd

By AMY FORLITI, STEVE KARNOWSKI and TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Officer Derek Chauvin was justified in pinning George Floyd to the ground because he kept struggling, a use-of-force expert testified for the defense Tuesday, contradicting a parade of authorities from both inside and outside the Minneapolis Police Department. Taking the stand at Chauvin’s murder trial, Barry Brodd, a former Santa Rosa, California, officer, stoutly defended Chauvin’s actions, even as a prosecutor pounded away at the witness during a podium-banging cross-examination. “It’s easy to sit and judge ... an officer’s conduct,” Brodd said at one point. “It’s more of a challenge to, again, put yourself in the officer’s shoes to try to make an evaluation through what they’re feeling, what they’re sensing, the fear they have, and then make a determination.” He said he doesn’t believe Chauvin and the other officers used deadly force when they held Floyd down on his stomach, his hands cuffed behind his back and Chauvin’s knee on his neck or neck area for what prosecutors say was 9 1/2 minutes. Brodd likened it instead to a situation in which officers use a Taser on someone fighting with officers, and the suspect falls, hits his and dies: “That isn’t an incident of deadly force. That’s an incident of an accidental death.” Several top Minneapolis police officials, including the police chief, have testified that Chauvin used excessive force and violated his training. And medical experts called by prosecutors have said that Floyd died from a lack of oxygen because of the way he was restrained. But Brodd said: “I felt that Officer Chauvin’s interactions with Mr. Floyd were following his training, following current

practices in policing and were objectively reasonable.” The question of what is reasonable is important: Police officers are allowed certain latitude to use deadly force when someone puts the officer or other people in danger. Legal experts say a key issue for the jury will be whether Chauvin’s actions were reasonable in those specific circumstances. Prosecutor Steve Schleicher used his cross-examination to once again painstakingly go through video clips of Floyd pinned beneath Chauvin, gasping he couldn’t breathe and then going still. Schleicher pressed the witness on whether Chauvin’s actions were reasonable. Brodd argued that Floyd kept on struggling, and he suggested that if Floyd was being compliant, he would have had both hands in the small of his back, “and just be resting comfortably.” “Did you say ‘resting comfortably’?” an incredulous Schleicher asked. Brodd: “Or laying comfortably.” Schleicher: “Resting comfortably on the pavement?” Brodd: “Yes.” Schleicher went on to say that Floyd was moving, but it was because he was struggling to breathe by shoving his shoulder into the pavement. The prosecutor hammered away at Brodd, saying a reasonable officer in Chauvin’s position with his knee on Floyd’s neck would have known that Floyd stopped resisting, that another officer told him he couldn’t find a pulse, and that others had said Floyd had passed out and was no longer breathing. “And the defendant’s position is, and was, and remains, as we see here at this moment, in this time, in this clip — on top of Mr. Floyd on the street. Isn’t that right?” Schleicher asked, as he banged his hand on the podium repeatedly. “Yes,” Brodd replied. Under questioning by the defense, Brodd also testified that bystanders yelling at the offi-

cers to get off Floyd complicated the situation for Chauvin and the others by causing them to wonder whether the crowd was becoming a threat, too. Brodd also appeared to endorse what prosecution witnesses have said is a common misconception: that if someone can talk, he or she can breathe. “I certainly don’t have medical degrees, but I was always trained and feel it’s a reasonable assumption that if somebody’s, ‘I’m choking, I’m choking,’ well, you’re not choking because you can breathe,” he said. Chauvin, a 45-year-old white man, is on trial on charges of murder and manslaughter in Floyd’s death last May after his arrest of suspicion of passing a counterfeit \$20 at a neighborhood market. Chauvin attorney Eric Nelson has argued that the 19-year Minneapolis police veteran did what he was trained to do and that Floyd died because of his illegal drug use and underlying health problems, including high blood pressure and heart disease. Fentanyl and methamphetamine were discovered in his system. The defense began presenting its case on Tuesday after the prosecution rested following 11 days of testimony and a mountain of video evidence. Nelson began by bringing up a 2019 arrest in which Floyd suffered from dangerously high blood pressure and confessed to heavy use of opioids. And he suggested that the 46-year-old Black man may have suffered last May from “excited delirium” — what a witness described as a potentially lethal state of agitation and even superhuman strength that can be triggered by drugs, heart disease or mental problems. Nelson also elicited testimony from another witness that Floyd panicked and cried over and over, “Please, please, don’t kill me!” when officers first approached his SUV at gunpoint on the day of his death.

5-Day Weather Summary

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
61 / 37	57 / 38	60 / 41	59 / 42	61 / 40

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:20 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:05 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
4/20	4/26	5/3	5/11

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 60°, humidity of 42%. West northwest wind 3 to 14 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 37°. West northwest wind 6 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 36°. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 57°, humidity of 45%.

For whom the bell tolls

‘Do you want to be a boy?’ Keira Bell says that’s a question her mother asked her when she was 14. She had been a tomboy in

Kathryn Lopez



her youth, from a broken home. When she hit puberty, she suffered, as many a girl does, with the changes and the monthly physical pain. And when the question of her gender was raised more than once, she thought it might be her ticket out of misery. Medical advice pushed her in the direction of puberty blockers at 16. In a recent essay for the website Persuasion, she remembers: “The idea was that this would give me a ‘pause’ to think about whether I wanted to continue to a further gender transition. This so-called ‘pause’ put me into what felt like menopause, with hot flushes, night sweats and brain fog. All this made it more difficult to think clearly about what I should do.” After a year, when offered the option of getting testosterone treatments, she “jumped at it — I wanted to feel like a young man, not an old woman. I was eager for the shots to start and the changes this would bring. At first, the testosterone gave me a big boost in confidence,” she writes. She went on to have a double mastectomy. She writes: “I was a legal adult when it took place, and I don’t relieve myself of

responsibility. But I had been put on a pathway — puberty blockers to testosterone to surgery — when I was a troubled teen. As a result of the surgery, there’s nerve damage to my chest, and I don’t have sensation the way I used to. If I am able to have children, I will never breastfeed them.” As Bell tells it, she was a confused teenager. She didn’t understand what was happening to her body, and she found herself isolated. She had always been a tomboy as she described it, and when puberty hit, it created a rift with the boys she had previously fit in with. She also found herself attracted to girls. And so, when given the choice of becoming a boy, it seemed the solution to her problems. She started seeing a psychologist at 15, and was diagnosed with gender dysphoria. She recalls: “I was adamant that I needed to transition. It was the kind of brash assertion that’s typical of teenagers. What was really going on was that I was a girl insecure in my body who had experienced parental abandonment, felt alienated from my peers, suffered from anxiety and depression, and struggled with my sexual orientation.” But what did the adults do? They experimented on her. Five years later, she would de-transition. But a double mastectomy cannot be undone. That “pause” on puberty, and those testosterone shots, have a lifetime of consequences. Teenagers don’t think about infertility and breastfeeding. But the adults

who could have helped Keira Bell failed her. At 24, she is able to reflect: “(T)he further my transition went, the more I realized that I wasn’t a man, and never would be. We are told these days that when someone presents with gender dysphoria, this reflects a person’s ‘real’ or ‘true’ self, that the desire to change genders is set. But this was not the case for me. As I matured, I recognized that gender dysphoria was a symptom of my overall misery, not its cause.” In the days after Easter, Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson vetoed a bill that would have made it illegal to conduct such treatments on minors in the state of Arkansas. Mercifully, it was overridden. But what on Earth was he thinking? Sex and ideology are preventing adults from seeing clearly. We owe children better. Bell’s bravery should make us vigilant in protecting other minors from the hell she has been through. Puberty is awful enough without the false compassion of gender ideology. Adults need to grow up, while being sensitive to the people who truly suffer the cross of gender dysphoria. It’s not “phobic” to protect minors from irrevocable harm. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Business leaders urge Biden to set ambitious climate goal

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 300 businesses and investors, including such giants as Apple, Google, Microsoft and Coca-Cola, are calling on the Biden administration to set an ambitious climate change goal that would cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The target would nearly double the nation’s previous commitment and require dramatic changes in the power, transportation and other sectors. President Joe Biden is considering options for expected carbon reductions by 2030 ahead of a virtual climate summit the United States is hosting

later this month. The so-called Nationally Determined Contribution is a key milestone as Biden moves toward his ultimate goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Biden has promised to reveal the nonbinding but symbolically important 2030 goal before the Earth Day summit opens April 22. “A bold 2030 target is needed to catalyze a zero-emissions future, spur a robust economic recovery, create millions of well-paying jobs and allow the U.S. to ‘build back better’ from the pandemic,” the businesses and investors said in a letter to Biden. “New investment in clean energy, energy efficiency and clean transportation can build a strong, more

equitable and more inclusive American economy,” they wrote. The letter was organized by the “We Mean Business” coalition, a group of companies that support action to accelerate the transition to a carbon-free economy. An ambitious 2030 target would guide the federal government’s approach to sustainable and resilient infrastructure, as well as zero-emissions vehicles and buildings, and “would inspire other industrialized nations to set bold targets of their own,” the group wrote. Besides the tech and consumer products giants, companies with major energy holdings, including Exelon, General Electric, PG&E and Edison International, also signed the letter.

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Obituaries

‘Prime suspect’ arrested in student’s 1996 disappearance

By **BRIAN MELLEY**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The “prime suspect” was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of murder in the 25-year-old disappearance of California college student Kristin Smart.

Paul Flores, 44, who was the last person seen with Smart on the California Polytechnic State University campus in San Luis Obispo before she vanished in 1996, was taken into custody in the Los Angeles area. His father, Ruben Flores, 80, was arrested as an accessory at his Arroyo Grande home, where sheriff’s investigators conducted their latest search for evidence.

Smart, 19, of Stockton, vanished in May 1996 while returning to her dorm at Cal Poly after a party. She was seen with Flores, who was a student at the school at the

time.

San Luis Obispo jail records showed Paul Flores was booked on a murder charge. Defense attorney Robert Sanger declined to comment, though he confirmed Flores was arrested.

Ruben Flores was booked on suspicion of accessory after a felony, according to jail records.

Sheriff Ian Parkinson scheduled a news conference at 2 p.m. at the Cal Poly campus to discuss “major developments in the investigation” into Smart’s disappearance.

A spokesman for the Smart family said “this is an extremely emotional day” and they would issue a statement later in the afternoon.

The news comes about a month after the sheriff named Flores as the “prime suspect” in the case and investigators searched his father’s home and property using ground-penetrating radar

and cadaver dogs. The large home on a hill has been the subject of many searches.

Investigators executed another search warrant Tuesday at the home of Ruben Flores about 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of the university on California’s Central Coast, KSBY-TV reported. They appeared to be disassembling a deck outside the home and the sound of power saws and drills could be heard whining in the background.

Search warrants were served last year on Paul Flores’ home in the San Pedro area of Los Angeles and at other locations in California and Washington state. Investigators conducted digs on the campus in 2016.

Paul Flores has remained mum through the years, invoking his Fifth Amendment right to not answer questions before a grand jury and in a deposition for a lawsuit that was brought against him.

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emergency addressed by an executive order, the local order may be less stringent than the executive order to the extent permitted by the executive order,” according to the General Assembly website.

It also “provides that if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared emergency that is not addressed by an executive order or if a local order addresses an aspect of a declared emergency more stringently than an executive order, the local order may not take effect, or remain in effect, unless the local order is approved by the county legislative body (in the case of a county health department) or by an ordinance adopted by the city legislative body and approved by the mayor (in the case of a city health department).”

It would also require that the appointment of the health officer be approved by the “county legislative body” and establishes an appeals process before a legislative body of enforcement action taken by the local board of health in “response to declared state and local public health emergencies.”

During a virtual IPHA press conference Friday, Tippecanoe County Health Department officer Dr. Jeremy Adler said SB 5 was “a dangerous experiment that Hoosiers would soon regret.”

Adler said this bill would shift local health enforcement appeals processing from courts to city and county boards and would prevent local health departments from implementing more restrictive orders.

Adler said this bill was written as a direct response to actions taken by local health departments, and if it were to become law, “Hoosiers should expect dangerous consequences on several fronts.”

“Elected officials would have full control over major public health decisions, most of whom lack the expertise needed to properly engage in unusually complex public health subjects and regulatory matters,” said Adler. “These elected officials would now be responsible for restaurants experiencing outbreaks of E. coli, norovirus and hepatitis A. They would also be responsible for Legionella in hospital settings, lead in our drinking water and deadly bacteria in our swimming pools.”

Ripley County Health Department officer Dr. David J. Welsh said “local public health officials take very seriously the responsibility to protect human health and the importance of balancing act between science, economic impact and personal freedoms.”

“I know this is a very emotionally charged issue. But it’s also a public health issue,” said Welsh. “SB 5 would require a massive expansion of government for most counties across Indiana and add

unnecessary complication to what is already extremely difficult work. Important public health decisions, especially during a public health emergency should be left to individuals with expertise in public health and medicine.”

Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health founding dean and professor Dr. Paul K. Harverson said several local elected official have expressed concern about this “significant shift in responsibility” which create “a larger, more complex government.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic proved the current system worked,” said Harverson.

Harverson said the data showed Indiana has one of the most neglected public health systems in the country, with the Hoosier state ranked 48th out of 50 in the state’s per capita investment in public health.

“Hoosiers live shorter lives and spend more on medical care than other states,” said Harverson.

Harverson said this money could be used to improve our existing public health system. IPHA president Susan Jo Thomas said they had been “aggressively engaged with legislators across the state, explaining the bill’s countless dangers to public health in Indiana.”

Thomas said they were “reaching out to Gov. Eric Holcomb to request he veto the legislation if it reaches his desk.”

“We’re asking all Hoosiers to do anything within their power to convince legislative leaders and Gov. Holcomb to stop SB 5 from becoming law,” said Thomas.

For their part, local legislators have pushed back against this criticism.

“I trust our county commissioners to continue working with local health officials — just like they have been doing over the past year to help manage through the pandemic,” said Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw. “I’ve heard from numerous constituents who want to ensure their elected officials have input on orders from local public health departments as well as the opportunity to appeal orders that negatively affect them or their business. It is entirely reasonable that the people and their elected officials are at least given the opportunity to be a part of this process, and Senate Bill 5 simply affords them that opportunity.”

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, said “the intent of the bill is to bring local health decisions in front of an elected board.”

“We’ve had challenges all across the state where we’ve had health officials making these decisions without any room for appeal. Now this creates an appellate process back to an elected board which would be the commissioners and council,” said Zay, during a phone interview on Friday. “It formalizes that process and gets the public a seat at the table. What’s wrong with having the people’s voice be heard?

What’s wrong with having a seat at the table?”

Zay said health department officials “have been elevated to a very high position of authority where they’re able to shut businesses down, basically determine fines and have blanket orders over communities with very little check and balance.”

“So, this just kind of creates what I think as a democratic philosophy of allowing another check and balance on the democratic process,” said Zay. “It’s just the purity in trying to have the checks and balances of the three branches of government in play. When you go through this I think some of these situations have been magnified and that’s what we’re trying to rectify legislatively both at a local and at a state level.”

Zay said there was “tons of support for it in the legislative process” and he believed it would get to the governor’s desk.

“I’m surprised a little bit that it’s getting this much attention,” said Zay.

Zay said if it received pushback from Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box “I expect it will be vetoed and it’ll give us another veto to override.”

In response to Zay’s concerns, Adler said it was not their intention to keep the public from having a say or from appealing decisions of local health departments.

“We’re more concerned about the process for appeals,” said Adler. “It would be transferred from courts to the local legislative body.”

Adler said the stay of enforcement granted through this bill would allow an entity to continue whatever they’re doing “potentially endangering the health of the public while the appeals process is underway.”

“The public does have a right to have a say,” said Adler. “We’re not saying they shouldn’t have that right. We want that process to be done the right way.”

Harverson said he “would ask the question in return: Show us what’s really broken.”

“The way in which Indiana public health operates is exactly consistent with the way it’s done across the country,” said Harverson.

Harverson said the entire state does not suffer uniformly from disease outbreaks.

“To essentially say from the very beginning that unless the entire state is in a severe situation no one else should be,” said Harverson. “I think the public is being shut out from good public health practice by imposing mechanisms that will not allow good science to drive our public health decision making.”

On Tuesday, Holcomb’s press secretary Rachel Hoffmeyer said only that the governor would review the bill.

Roe did not return requests for additional comment as of press time.

Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, contributed to this story.

Jack E. Swihart

July 13, 1931 – April 8, 2021



Jack E. Swihart, 89, of Gilead, Indiana passed at 10:53 pm, Thursday, April 8, 2021 at his residence.

Jack was born on July 13, 1931 in Akron, Indiana to the late Russell L. and Carrie I. (Churchill) Swihart. He married on Dec. 3 1955 in Athens, Indiana to Anne Rhodes, she preceded him in death on Aug. 20, 2009.

Jack was a 1949 graduate of Akron High School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force stationed in England. He retired from General Tire of Wabash, Indiana after 37 ½ years. He also was transportation for the Amish community for many years.

Jack enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. He was known for videotaping everything and wearing his white shoes. He was an avid collector. He had many arrowheads, coins, watches, and small banks. Jack was a card player, but only by his own rules. He

loved watching basketball and NASCAR as well as playing badminton.

He is survived by his daughter Kim and husband Dave Yoder, Mexico; sons Stuart and wife Cindy Swihart, Goshen, and Brett and wife Julie Swihart, Bourbon; 8 Grandchildren; 8 Great Grandchildren; sisters Norma and husband James Lee of Mentone and Judy Montague and companion Jim Wolfe of Akron; and extended son Bub Cormican, Athens.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anne Swihart, sons Kelby and Ricci D. Swihart.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 am, Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana.

The interment will take place in the Gilead Cemetery, Gilead, Indiana where graveside military rites will be performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard.

Visitation hours will be from 4 pm to 7 pm, Monday, April 12, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center 1540 N. Wentzel St. Rochester, IN 46975 or the Scratching Post Cat Rescue 600 Chili Ave. Peru, IN 46970.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneral.com

Joanne Jean Ranck

May 4, 1930 – April 12, 2021

Joanne Jean Ranck, 90, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died 1:48 pm, Monday, April 12, 2021, at her home in Wabash. She was born on May 4, 1930, in Wabash County, Indiana, to Edwin H. and Electa (Curless) White.

Joanne was a 1948 graduate of LaFontaine High School. She married Roger Ranck at the Lincolnville United Methodist Church on June 3, 1949, and they lived on a farm south of Lincolnville 64 years. He died June 24, 2012. Joanne was a member of the Lincolnville United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School, was youth director, chairman of the Kitchen Committee, and served on the church board. She worked at A.F. Billings Wreath factory, Kroger Egg Exchange, Ungers Cafe, and Clark’s Finer Foods. She was also an inactive member of the D.A.R. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, fishing, and especially her



grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Ralph (Cheryle) Ranck of Urbana, Indiana, and Timothy (Ruth) Ranck of Wabash, daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Ranck of Nashville, Tennessee, seven grandchildren, Matthew (Krista) Ranck and Nicholas (Andrea) Ranck, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Seth (Andrea) Ranck of Nashville, Tennessee, Andrew (Nikki) Ranck of

Scottsdale, Arizona, Sarah (Brian) Collyear of South Carolina, Brian (Sarah) Ranck and Megan (Dan) Wright, both of Wabash, and 17 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Phillip Ranck, and David Ranck, two brothers, Edwin White Jr. and Robert White, and three sisters, Mary Bosch, Lola Gibson, and Helen Roser.

Funeral services will be 11 am, Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call 9:30-11 am Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Lincolnville United Methodist Church.

The memorial guest book for Joanne may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jeanette (Jan) DeBonville

Jeanette (Jan) DeBonville, 89, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Jan was born Jeanette Peil in Bloomer, Wisconsin and grew up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She married her high school sweetheart, Richard “Dick” DeBonville, after graduation. They settled in Wabash, Indiana, where they raised four daughters and a son. Jan also served as Executive Director of the Wabash County Red Cross



for several years. After the children were grown she and her husband moved to Florida. A devout Catholic, Jan became active in many church organizations as well as other social activities.

Jan is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Andy), Diane, Janet (Bob); her son, Rick; ten grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick,

and her daughter, Jeanne.

A memorial Mass will be held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Spring Hill, FL on April 29, 2021 at 10 am. Burial will follow at Florida Hills Memorial Gardens, Spring Hill, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 13485 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

Arrangements made by Turner Funeral Home, Spring Hill, Florida

Ida ‘Nadine’ Clark

Ida “Nadine” Clark, 91, a lifetime resident of Wabash and Logansport, passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at her residence from an extended illness.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday,

April 13, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana with Pastor Dylan Persinger officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash.

Visitation will be two

hours prior to the funeral service, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Elaine K. Darnell

Elaine K. Darnell, 74, of Bunker Hill, passed away on April 8, 2021 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Renee (Jeff) Biehl, of Urbana; sister, Susan Dunn; brother, Dennie

LeMoine (Debi) Lauer; grandchildren, Wynter Biehl and Lexus Biehl; nieces, Ruth Lauer, Nicole Lipkens, and Marjori Roller.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Av-

enue, Wabash.

Visitation will start at 1:30 p.m. until the time of service, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Connie Wagoner

July of 1935 – April 9, 2021

Connie Wagoner, 85, North Manchester, died April 9, 2021. Connie was born in July of 1935.

Visitation on April 14, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. at

McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 W., North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. on April 15, 2021 at Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, 103 N. 3rd

Street, Liberty Mills, with visitation at 9:00. Graveside, April 15, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Rossville Cemetery, 61 North Delphi Road, Rossville, Indiana.

PULSE

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Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening. The purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S.Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra presents ‘Woodwind Quintet’ performance

The Marion Philharmonic Orchestra concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18. These two free concerts, with donations encouraged, will be held at one of the newer venues in Marion: the Sender Building, in the Reception Room at 100 S. Washington St. Masks are encouraged and In keeping with social distancing, the same concert will be presented two times to keep audiences small. Concert-goers will need to visit mpomarion.org to make the required reservation for whichever date they prefer or call 765-662-0012 or email mpo.marion@gmail.com.

SAFETY

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officer Capt. Matt Benson said that the department, on Monday, began participating in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (SAVE) program developed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) in 2019.

Benson said WPD officers would be “working overtime to increase awareness and enforce stop-arm violations.”

Benson said WPD officers “will be located near bus routes and bus stops looking for motorist violations.”

“In Indiana, it is against the law for motorists to pass a bus that is stopped, has its red lights flashing, and the stop arm extended,” said Benson. “This applies to all roads with one exception.”

Benson said for Wabash County residents, Highway

Babe of Wabash County prepares for the grand opening

Babe of Wabash County is finally planning on opening its doors to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at 88 W. Hill St. Once they open, the hours would be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays. The May First Friday open house will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 when a tour, refreshments and crafts will be available. Babe T-shirts will soon be available at the Wabash Visitor Center, 221 S Miami St., and at their booth on May’s First Friday for \$20. Ford said Babe of Wabash County is 100 percent community-supported. If you are interested in donating to Babe or would like to become a coupon vendor, email babeofwabashinc@gmail.com. Donations to the Babe of Wabash County fund can be made online at cfwabash.org or by check, with Babe of Wabash County in the memo line, sent to the Community Foundation, 105 W. 2nd St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Wabash Art Guild Members’ Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members’ Art Show will be on display through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of “Play On!” by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com.

Shop Hop in Downtown Wabash runs through April

Wabash Marketplace’s Shop Hop” in downtown Wabash takes place Thursday, April 1 through Friday, April 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars. Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to one of the participating shops or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, April 30. The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are: Borders & Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.; Downtown Nutrition, 70 W. Market St.; Ohh My! Cakes, 2 W. Market St.; and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at www.wabashmarketplace.org. The winner will be selected the week of Monday,

May 3.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District’s annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash’s Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester’s would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close “promptly” at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant’s course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Visit Wabash County plans historic buildings tour for May

The tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8. The cost will be \$25 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St., Wabash. The North Manchester buildings included in the tour will be The Union Block and Straus Building, The Tower House and The L.Z. Bunker House. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Siders by email at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for

their support for only \$150.

INDOT to begin Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. Petroviak said the work is set to wrap up in July.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an ongoing basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaineder.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

VACCINE

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waiting list which had been in effect had “become a non-factor because anyone 18 years old and above can get appointments as early as this week in the Wabash clinic.”

“There is no need for a waitlist,” said Custer-Mitchell. “We are seeing more people cancel or no show as they have received a shot elsewhere or prefer a different vaccine.”

Custer-Mitchell said as they administer Moderna at the Wabash clinic, they “have no issue with supplies at this time.”

Appointments are still available at the mass vaccination site at the former Roosevelt High School in Gary. Vaccinations are available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT at 2401 Harrison St., Gary. Free transportation to and from the site is available through the Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) and a partnership between Indiana University Health and Lyft. Language interpretation and support for those with disabilities, hearing or vision impairments are also available onsite.

The site, along with two mobile units that ran in Merrillville and Michigan City last week, opened April 7; combined, they have administered 16,034 doses of vaccine to date.

Two additional FEMA mobile units that offer the Pfizer vaccine will operate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday at the East Chicago School Administration, 1401 E. 144th St., East Chicago; and LaPorte Rural King, 1340 St. Rd. 2 West, LaPorte. Additional ISDH mobile units offering the two-dose Moderna vaccine will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday:

■ Community Action of Southern Indiana, 201 E. 15th St., Jeffersonville.

■ Tipton County Fairgrounds, 1200 S. Main St., Tipton.

■ McMillen Park, 3901 Abbott St., Fort Wayne.

To find other vaccination sites or schedule a vaccination, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211.

As of Tuesday, a total of 3,451,895 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,018,362 first doses and 1,433,533 individuals who are fully vaccinated.

School figures

The ISDH’s school dashboard was updated Monday, April 12 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 9. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 146 schools reported no cases, 1,934 reported one or more cases and 288 have not reported.

During the latest update, no

Wabash County schools reported any new cases.

However, on the Manchester Community Schools COVID-19 dashboard, the most recent updates since March 30 were from April 2 when one positive COVID-19 case was found at MHS, with two people were quarantined; April 11 when one positive COVID-19 case was found at MHS, with one person quarantined; and April 12 when one positive COVID-19 case was found at MHS, with one person quarantined.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, April 9, a total of 424 tests were performed the previous week, with 99.1 percent being negative. There have been 5,761 total tests performed this semester, with 99.7 percent of them being negative. During that week, there were no self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus and one on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been 13 self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and eight self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

Local figures

■ On Tuesday, the ISDH reported five new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,457, with 14,770 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 12.1 percent.

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 970 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 700,775 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

To date, 12,762 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 16 from the previous day. Another 405 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

The Associated Press contributed to this story. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaineder.com.

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was until we began to evacuate. We looked down the hall and we could actually see some individuals,” said Young. “But even that didn’t give us a sense of the number of people who had penetrated the barriers and frankly just how dangerous so many of them were. We weren’t aware that they killed police officers or what their intentions were.”

Braun

In the days before the attack, Braun said he would vote along with about a dozen other GOP senators to reject electors from “disputed states,” and call for a commission to conduct a 10-day audit of election returns in those states, despite dozens of lawsuits dismissed for lack of evidence of any widespread voter fraud.

On Jan. 6, he began the day posting pictures to his Twitter account of him signing his objection to the Arizona electors and talking outside the Capitol with “supporters who came to D.C. from Indiana about why I will object today and support an emergency audit into irregularities in the 2020 election.”

Later that day, rioters in support of former President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol as Congress convened a joint session to cer-

tify the Electoral College votes.

The chaos, which followed a nearby rally led by Trump, shut down Congress for hours after the House and Senate chambers were evacuated when the crowds breached the building.

After the violence that left at least four people dead and dozens arrested, Braun said he had a change of heart and would withdraw his objection “to get this ugly day behind us.”

On Wednesday, after Braun visited White’s Residential and Family Services, he said his actions that day had been misconstrued.

“That gets so confusing in the media when it gets defined as defending the big lie,” said Braun. “There were no irregularities. There was not systemic fraud. That was an aberration that occurs when politics get too caustic and volatile and that blame goes broadly because that’s the way it is in D.C. And when I saw what happened I thought it was superfluous to push the issue in the short run. I think it was an ugly day that we need to get behind us. And I said so accordingly.”

On Feb. 13, after the second impeachment trial of Trump, both Braun and Young voted against his conviction for inciting the riot.

The Associated Press and Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, both contributed to this story.

Mother-daughter fight leads to threats of leaving home

DEAR ABBY: My best friend (since we were babies) and I are having a disagreement. She had two kids when she was 16 and 17 who are now in their early 20s. One of them still lives rent-free under her roof.

My friend struggled her whole life but got a college degree, bought a house five years ago and owns two cars all on her own. She has recently started having friends over on the weekends and drinking. While I don't do that, I understand she had kids early and wants to have a little fun now in her 40s. She's very responsible and pays her bills.

The other day I walked in and her daughter started screaming at me that I need to tell her mom to stop and saying that she was moving out. I was shocked that she spoke to me that way.

My friend started crying because she loves her daughter and doesn't want her to move. I say, let her go. She needs to learn to respect her elders, and she'll soon realize living on her own isn't easy. My friend didn't agree and hasn't said anything to her daughter about how she spoke to both of us. I want to help my friend because she comes to me for advice, but I don't know how. – Disapproving Friend

DEAR FRIEND: People often say things in the heat of anger. You walked in on a fight between your friend and her daughter. You have no idea what started it, and you shouldn't have inserted yourself. When you tried to "help," your input was rejected.

You have already said enough. Now, resist the impulse to stir the pot and step back so your friend can handle this herself.

DEAR ABBY: I come from a family with incest and physical and psychological abuse. I need to talk with my little sister about it. How do I get through it without breaking down before I can help her? My little brother died by suicide six months ago. I have been having nightmares over it. How do I go about getting through to her about it all? – Bad History In Idaho

DEAR BAD HISTORY: Before attempting to do that, it's important that you talk with a licensed therapist about what happened to you in that unhealthy environment. Once that is done, ask if you can bring your little sister to some sessions.

It is tragic that your brother was so damaged by the abuse he received that he could not go on, and I respect you for wanting to prevent something similar from happening to your sister. Groups such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (afsp.org) offer counseling referrals after a family member takes his own life. You may be able to find a qualified referral there.

DEAR ABBY: I usually send special occasion flowers to my wife at work. I was wondering if it could make some co-workers who do not receive flowers from their partner or husband feel neglected, and worse, cause friction between them and my wife. If you feel this could be a potential problem, I can have the flowers delivered to our home. – Excluded In Florida

DEAR EXCLUDED: If receiving flowers at her job has caused any tension in the past, you probably would have heard about it. However, you should ask your wife what she would prefer because she may enjoy the public gesture of husbandly love.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print your answer here: _____

Saturday's Jumbles: SLOSH USHER BUSILY THINLY
Answer: Their grandparents left them a fortune in gold. They were thankful to be — "BULLION-HEIRS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I hope you're using a good wax.

I use three waxes that I've created to match your car color perfectly.

HE KNEW A LOT ABOUT CAR WAXES AND POLISHES AND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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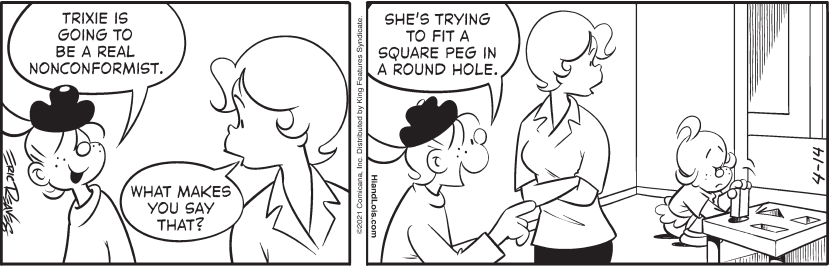
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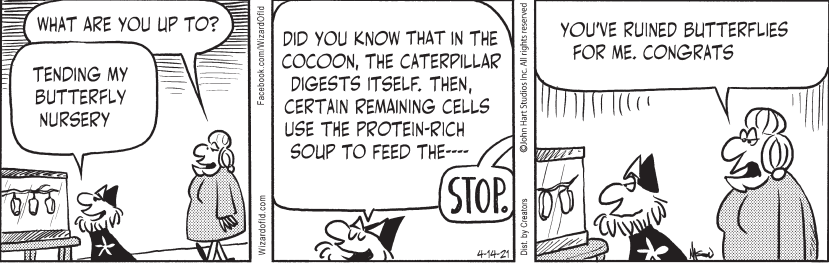
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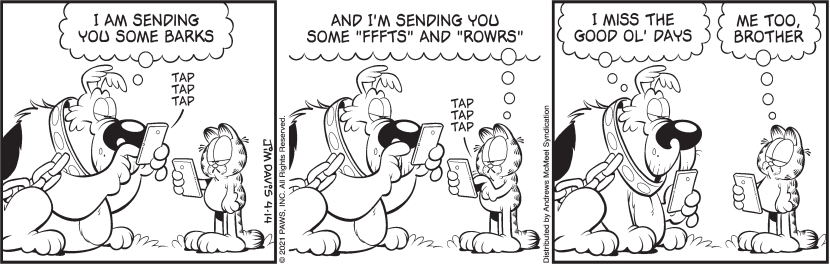
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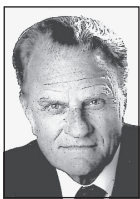


It is faith placed in Christ alone that assures the soul is saved

Q: I am trying to encourage a friend of mine who has landed in prison. He has come to know the Lord but is despondent that he has no purpose in life. – P.T.

A: There's a wonderful story about Paul and Silas who were thrown in a Philippian prison for preaching. Instead of complaining and crying out to be freed, they sat in the damp dungeon listening to the groans from others in chains. But the jailer that night heard a strange sound that drowned out the wailing. Paul and Silas were having a song service at midnight, praising the name of their great and mighty God. They used their imprisonment to proclaim the news that Jesus had come to free people from the chains of sin. What was Heaven's response? The prison walls shook on their foundations and crumbled,

Billy Graham My Answer



giving the chance for prisoners to escape. The jailer was about to fall upon his sword and commit suicide because of a mass escape. Paul glanced in the jailer's direction and said: "Don't kill yourself; we're still here!"

Having already heard their testimony in song and word, he fell upon his face and said, "Sir, what must I do to be saved?" Paul didn't answer, "Join the church and thou shalt be saved." Oh, no! "Live the best you can and thou shalt be saved." Oh, no! "Get baptized and thou shalt be saved." Oh, no! The answer that rang

through the jail that night is the same message that's been ringing down through the centuries: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Many people have difficulty resting upon the facts of the Word of God. So many rest upon their feelings, morality, church membership, the sacraments, or any number of things. But it is faith placed in Christ alone that assures the soul is saved, and whether in prison or living in a dark and wicked world, we are surrounded by those who need to know Christ as Savior.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"Y M J F K S K F T C J N F C P K T S X P P M K P
M J X N K F K F X S K U, M J X N U J N N P M K F
K F K F X S K U. F C P S C W J G I P U J N N."
- S X B M K J U S B B U I W J

Previous Solution: "My philosophy is that the most important aspect of any religion should be human kindness." — Steven Seagal
TODAY'S CLUE: H s j e n b e W

Opinion

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.

2 Samuel 7:28

Congress should follow Biden's lead on gun action

In one of several recent examples of the Republican Party's insanity on guns, Tennessee abolished permit requirements to carry concealed handguns – and did it with the stated purpose of advancing the GOP governor's "public safety agenda."

In statehouses across the country, Republicans are taking similar actions. Iowa is on its way to making concealed-carry permitting requirements optional, which effectively will get rid of them. In Kansas, the Republican-controlled House passed a bill that would lower the age to 18 legally carry a concealed weapon. Yes, the Sunflower State doesn't consider residents under 21 responsible enough to drink alcohol, but Republican lawmakers there see no problems with letting 18-year-olds walk around in civilian settings with pistols under their jackets or stuffed in their pants.

These state-by-state Republican-led assaults on gun safety laws show why President Joe Biden's executive actions on the subject last week were critically needed, and why Congress should advance the ball even further.

The patchwork of state gun statutes in the U.S. presents a danger to the public and creates a headache for responsible gun

owners in navigating state-to-state requirements and restrictions. The nation needs a much stronger federal framework of gun safety laws.

Biden took a step in that direction Thursday with his executive orders, which were aimed at reducing the proliferation of "ghost guns" – build-it-yourself weapons without serial numbers – and the creation of a model "red flag" law for states to use as guides. Biden's actions also would reduce access to stabilizing braces that can be used to make pistols more like rifles and improve their long-range lethality.

The executive actions were a responsible response to the nation's epidemic of gun violence, and not one would prevent a law-abiding American from owning a firearm.

But as we know, executive actions can easily be overturned by the next administration. That's why Congress needs to move on gun safety by at least pursuing universal background checks for firearms purchases and restrictions on sales of assault-type weapons and high-capacity magazines.

Americans certainly would support them, as shown by poll after poll. Unlike Republican leaders and the gun lobby, Americans see reasonable,

responsible gun policies as an effective method for addressing the nation's epidemic of gun violence.

The GOP, on the other hand, is becoming an ever more reckless tool for the gun lobby and its demented mindset that the only way to solve gun violence is with more guns.

If that were true, why were gun-related deaths the highest in at least 20 years in America last year even though it was also a record year for gun sales? Why does America rank last in gun safety among high-income nations even though we have 46 percent of the world's civilian-controlled guns? Why, in a nation where there are more guns than people, have gun deaths been on the rise for at least 10 straight years? Why is it that civilians here have more small-arms than the U.S. military, yet gun violence remains one of our nation's top causes of death and injury?

The answers, of course, involve the glut of guns and our shamefully unprotective gun safety laws – which the GOP is trying to weaken even more.

Biden's orders will help strengthen the safety net. But what's really needed is for Congress to step up.

This editorial was first published in the Las Vegas Sun.



Roberts Rule of Order for legislators

During my tenure as president of one of the non-profit boards I served on, there was a dispute between board members and the executive director over something the director proposed to do.

He thought – and about half the board agreed with him – that the action would be consistent with his duties under our bylaws. About half the board, including me, thought he was overstepping his authority.



and since they knew I could not vote as president unless there was a tie, their wish would carry the day.

But what they thought they knew was wrong. I understood Robert's Rules of Order, which our bylaws required us to use, better than they did, or at least had read it one page further than they had, and knew I was allowed to vote if that vote would change the outcome. I voted no, creating a tie, and the proposal failed.

I relate that incident to make a point beyond the obvious one of putting my humble bragging on display, a temptation to which I modestly admit succumbing on occasion:

The executive of an organization carries out the orders of board members, who must follow the bylaws of the organization in issuing those orders.

That's pretty straightforward, and it should hold whether the organization is a nonprofit organization, a multinational corporation or a government.

But it can get complicated in a hurry, as we have seen in the ongoing dispute over the

constitutionality of Gov. Holcomb's forceful and numerous "emergency" edicts during the COVID pandemic.

No, you and I are not the board members for the state; there are between 6.5 and 7 million of us, and putting everything to a statewide vote would be as unwieldy and it would be unwise. So, we elect people to be our voice on the board – one representative for about every 65,000 of us, based on the 2010 Census, and one senator for about every 130,000.

All we can ask is that our surrogates pass laws faithful to the bylaws, as embedded in the Indiana Constitution, and that the executive faithfully execute them so that citizens clearly know what the rules are and that they will not change in the middle of the game.

Instead, if my conservative readers will forgive me for quoting former liberal Democratic State Rep. Christine Hale, they have created an "epically awkward" mess.

A majority of the Republican supermajorities in the House and Senate have said the governor's edicts went too far, and they gave themselves the authority to call special sessions whenever it might be necessary to curb his power. "Foul!" cry Constitution watchers – only the governor has permission to call a special session.

But others have said the Legislature acted unconstitutionally in the first place by essentially giving the governor sweeping power to make law instead of merely carrying out the law and, further, that the mask mandate was especially egregious because it was not specifically mentioned in those sweeping powers.

The whole thing seems destined to end up before the Indiana Supreme Court, and that's fine. Arbitrating disputes between

the other two branches is a core function of the court. And given how cavalierly some treat the U.S. Constitution, it is gratifying to know that so many show the state one a little respect.

But surely there is a better option: Read one page further into the bylaws so you might realize you don't know them as well as you think you do and that some of them could benefit from clarification.

In giving the governor sweeping emergency powers, legislators clearly envisioned an emergency of short duration, like a flood or tornado, not something that lasted for months on end. Our part-time legislators meet only briefly, and the governor is always there, so the longer a situation lasts, the more he is able to make up the rules as he goes.

So, change the Constitution to stipulate how exactly the governor and legislators must interact when and if an emergency lasts beyond a specified duration.

Things might not be as simple as citizens would like, but they don't have to be as complicated as leaders sometimes seem to want them.

An amendment to the Indiana Constitution would need to be passed by two successive sessions of the General Assembly, after which it would go to the citizens for a vote.

And that would give a say in the rules of the game to all Hoosiers, the ones for whom and in whose name the bylaws were drafted and the laws are passed. A little power would return to those who need it most and be taken from those who wield it too freely.

Leo Morris, columnist for The Indiana Policy Review, is winner of the Hoosier Press Association's award for Best Editorial Writer. Morris, as opinion editor of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, was named a finalist in editorial writing by the Pulitzer Prize committee. Contact him at leoedits@yahoo.com.

LETTERS

Support mental health funding in HB 1001

Indiana, and the country as a whole, have never adequately funded the behavioral health infrastructure and the COVID-19 pandemic has made this even more obvious. Decisions about funding an adequate behavioral health infrastructure must be made now and the Senate Appropriations Committee's recognition of this critical need is noteworthy and appreciated. Additional funding will be required to build the crisis intervention infrastructure that this state so desperately needs.

At the same time, the Appropriation Committee recognized the \$100 million in federal funding dedicated to mental health and addiction as a result of the COVID-19 response, as well as the funding expected from the Opioid Settlement fund, also created in this budget amendment. These dollars will be dedicated to opioid treatment, education, and prevention programs.

I appreciate the hard work of the advocates and legislators who have made this increase possible, but the work is not done. House Bill 1001 must still move through the Senate and then presumably to a Conference Committee.

Please join us in working to maintain the funding added to the Severe Mental Illness and Recovery Works budget-with the hope that full funding restoration will still occur in Conference Committee, provided the April economic forecast for the state is positive. Thank you.

Lisa Ferguson
Yorktown

U.S. minorities are successful

In contrast to many countries, the United States, with its prevalence of schools and opportunities for all people, and due to its diversity and openness, boasts a broad spectrum of educated, intelligent and successful citizens in all disciplines who represent our entire population. This tends to promote harmony and equality.

Minorities in the U.S. are succeeding due to their desire for an education and their qualities of perseverance and motivation. They include Asian Americans, Indian Americans, Cuban Americans, Nigerian Americans and Mormon Americans. Jewish Americans are successful because they have availed themselves of the opportunities in the U.S.

However, minorities in the U.S., including Jews, Blacks, Latinos, Native Americans and Asian Americans and others continue to be discriminated against. A recent rash of assaults have been committed against Asian Americans. Asian Americans helped build this country over the past 170 years, including the trans-continental railroad; and many of them are highly educated and are doctors, scientists, engineers, educators and business executives.

Educational and employment opportunities for all, and rewards and recognition for successful people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation makes the United States the jealous envy of the world because of our perseverance and will to succeed. We are all integral parts of the greatest country in the world.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, New Hampshire

Public schools need your support

By ROBERT M. STWALLEY

There is a bit of an unexpected tussle going on right now in the statehouse. You see, the Republican supermajority did not expect to have any problem pulling more money away from public education and giving it to private education entities. It turns out that people are pushing back, and the more they learn about the ongoing scheme to give public money to private schools, the less they like it.

One of the chief documents being used to bolster this dubious effort is a five-year-old literature review from EdChoice titled A Win-Win Solution. This report claims to be the "gold standard," and yet less than half of the references in the report were peer-reviewed, and a significant number were published by the very same organization. The idea behind a review of published works is to look at a multitude of diverse sources, not to selectively pick your own. At a minimum, the legislature should look at more recent studies.

A 2018 peer-reviewed analysis of Indiana's voucher program, based on publicly reported data from the Indiana Department of Education, demonstrated with statistical significance that voucher students do poorer on standardized math testing than public school students and that this deficiency is persistent. Although English scores are nominally the same, high-wage, high-demand, STEM-oriented jobs require math skills.

The public school system exists because it is in the best interest of the country to educate the entirety of the population. No one forces you to send your children to public school. You can have your children attend whatever kind of school you wish. However, the public shouldn't have to pay for it. Public funds should only go toward funding the public school system.

Proponents of school choice would have you believe that our state is clamoring for the privatization of education, but this simply isn't so. The general population overwhelmingly chooses public schools. Proponents of school choice would have you believe that diverting public school funding for vouchers somehow provides more money for children in public schools (no kidding – they've said this). They would have you believe, despite the cited peer-reviewed evidence, that children somehow receive a superior education outside the public school system. They think the public won't spot the potential for racial and social discrimination, the lack of accountability for the funds spent, or the documented cases of fraud within the education scholarship account (ESA) systems in other states.

Please join the legion of parents, teachers, and school board members in making your voice heard at the statehouse. Let your state senators and representatives know that you oppose efforts to divert public school funds to expand the voucher/ESA program and weaken Indiana's public school system. Our more than 1 million children in public schools don't deserve this.

Robert M. Stwalley is president of the Indiana School Boards Association.



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WABASH COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 27th day of APRIL, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of LUANN LAYMAN for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #: 4 TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN EVENT CENTER IN AN AG ZONED DISTRICT LOCATED AT 6731 W 300 N WABASH. The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE NORTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 28N, RANGE 5E, NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH COIUNTY, 7.985 ACRES. A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.

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PETITION TO THE WABASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR VACATE OF STREET(S), ALLEY(S), ROAD(S), OR PUBLIC WAY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
Comes now A GROUP OF DEEDED LOT OWNERS OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLNVILLE and hereby gives legal notice of a petition to Vacate the following Street(s), Alley(s), Road(s) or Public Way:

A tract of land, being all of that portion of a platted 16 foot alley lying south of and adjacent to Lot one (1), Lot two (2), and Lot three (3) in the Original Plat of the Town of Lincolnville, the plat of Lincolnville is recorded in Plat Book 2 on Pages 71-72 and found on file in the Wabash County Recorder's Office, and said town being a part of the northeast quarter of Section thirty-six (36) in Township twenty seven (27) North, Range seven (7) East of the second principal meridian. Wabash County, Indiana the said portion of the alley being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeast corner of Lot one (1) in the Original Plat of the Town of Lincolnville, also being the northeast corner of a sixteen (16) foot alley, and marked by a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence South 01° 16' 00" East, (In-GCS Bearing Basis for Wabash County), along the southerly projection of the east line of said Lot one (1) a distance of 16.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS marking the northeast corner of Lot thirteen (13) in said Town and the southeast corner of said sixteen (16) foot alley; thence South 89° 45' 13" West, along the south line of said sixteen (16) foot alley. 202.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS; thence North 01° 16' 00" West, along the southerly projection of the west line of Lot three (3) in said Town, 16.00 feet to a steel rebar stake with a marker stamped Bunnell LS marking the southwest corner of said Lot three (3); thence North 89° 45' 13" East, along the north line of said alley, 202.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 0.074 acres more or less.

Said petition is presently on file in the office of the Auditor of Wabash County, IN., and will be presented for public hearing before the Wabash County Commissioners on the: 26th day of APRIL, 2021 at 9:15 AM in the Commissioners meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Any interested party is invited to attend said hearing, and make known their opinion, for or against, the granting of this Petition.

Signed: Marcie Shepard, Wabash County Auditor
Date: 4/6/2021
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MU outdoor track and field hosts 1st home meet in 5 years

Spartans turn in a strong showing in Manchester Invitational

By DILLON BENDER

Battling a very wet spring Saturday, the Manchester University outdoor track and field teams were able to host their first home meet in five years at the brand-new Spartan Stadium complex.

Manchester welcomed competing athletes from Anderson University, Bluffton University, Grace College, Hanover College, Franklin College, Mount St. Joseph University and Trine University.

The Trine Thunder took home top team honors on both the men's and women's sides on Saturday afternoon. The Manchester University men battled to a third-place finish, while the women

placed fourth on Saturday. The Manchester men earned 111 points while the women tallied 91.5 points.

Men's team scores

1. Trine: 255
2. Grace: 179
3. Manchester: 111
4. Hanover: 59
5. Bluffton: 36
6. Franklin: 20
7. Anderson: 19

Women's team scores

1. Trine: 247.5
2. Grace: 146
3. Hanover: 93
4. Manchester: 91.5
5. Anderson: 66.5
6. Bluffton: 27.5
7. Mt. St. Joseph: 15
8. Franklin: 13

Men's leaders

Cooper Green, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, one of two event wins for the Spartans on Saturday, winning the 1500 meters. Green crossed the tape

with a time of 4:19.11.

Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, and Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, ran impressive times in the 5000m. Richardson clocked in at 14:59.23 while Salazar crossed the finish line at 15:08.01. Both set new personal records en route to respective finishes of second and fourth place. Richardson's time clocked in as the third-best time in school history while Salazar's time stands as fifth all-time.

Manchester's "A" team of Michael Schreffler, Tristen Bronaugh, Zackary Freeland and Anthony Richko placed third in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 45.93.

Moving over to field events, senior Brian Hochstetler, from Elkhart and Concord High School, took home top honors in the shot put, leading the field with a mark of 14.52m.

Zackary Freeland, from South

Whitley and Whitko High School, placed third in the high jump. Freeland cleared 1.83m. Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Illinois, and Zion Benton High School, placed fourth in the high jump, clearing 1.70m. Powell would go on to earn a third-place finish in the triple jump with a final mark of 11.46m.

Joe Garling, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, earned a runner-up placement in the javelin throw, posting a final distance of 48.20m. Garling's mark shattered his previous best in the event and his mark placed him 9th all-time in the MU record books. Garling added another personal record in the hammer throw. Garling's mark of 45.22m was good for third on Saturday and stands as the fifth-best mark in Manchester history. Joseph Powell finished fourth in the javelin throw with a mark of 45.95m.

Gabe Hendricks, from Fort Wayne and Bishop Luers High School, placed second overall in the discus throw. Hendricks' best mark on Saturday was 40.32m.

Conner Sherwin, from Pierceton and Whitko High School, placed second in the hammer throw with a distance of 45.33m.

Women's leaders

Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, ran to a third-place finish in the 1500m, finishing with a time of 5:05.70. Elizabeth Russell, from Columbia City, sprinted to a third-place finish in the 110 meter hurdles crossing the finish line with a time of 17.76.

Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, placed fourth in the 5000m, clocking in a time of 19:40.27.

Over in the field events, Adelle Stanko, from Oke-

mos, Michigan, was the runner-up in the triple jump. Stanko's best mark on Saturday was 10.33m. Her mark placed her 6th all-time in the Manchester record book. Stanko also used a 4.65m marking in the long jump to take home a third-place finish in the event.

In the pole vault, Claire Butler, from South Bend and John Adams High School, cleared a height of 2.75m, placing her 8th all-time in the Manchester record book. Her height was good enough for a third-place finish on Saturday. Tara Conley, from Culver and Knox High School, placed third in the discus throw. Conley's best mark was 33.98m.

Kendal Garringer, from Portland and Jay County High School, placed fourth in the high jump after clearing a height of 1.45m.

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Kruschwitz scores twice as Spartans drop third-place game at Hanover

Spartans men's soccer finishes the 2021 spring season with a record of 6-4

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University Spartans concluded their season on Wednesday afternoon in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Men's Soccer Tournament third-place game at Hanover College.

The No. 3 seed Panthers topped the No. 4 seed Spartans by a final score of 3-2.

Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, gave Manchester an early lead just four minutes into Wednesday's contest. Julian Keough, from Indianapolis and Pike High School, and Cory Mitchell, from Maitland, Florida, and Winter Park High School, connected on passes and were able to play a ball ahead to Kruschwitz who went on to beat a pair of defenders and the Hanover keeper for the first goal of the match. It was Harley's seventh goal of the season.

The Panthers answered



Provided photo

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right back with a goal of their own in the 7th minute. Josh Hughes broke loose for his ninth goal of the spring. Hanover would add goals in the 11th and 61st minutes.

Kruschwitz struck for goal one final time in Wednesday's contest, scoring once more in the 85th minute.

Hanover led 17-10 in the shots category on Wednesday afternoon, while the Spartans led 4-0 in corner kicks taken.

The Black and Gold finish

the 2021 spring season with a record of 6-4. Hanover ended its spring campaign with an overall record of 8-1-1.

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Manchester baseball wraps up rainy weekend

Spartans host Earlham College today at Gratz Field

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team was able to play three of its four Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) games during a rain-soaked weekend in Indiana.

The Black and Gold played one of two contests Sunday at Franklin. The rain held off just enough for the Spartans to host the Hanover College Panthers in a doubleheader at Gratz Field this afternoon.

Manchester pounded out 15 hits yesterday against the Grizzlies.

With the game tied at 6-6 in the sixth inning, inclement weather suspended play for about two hours.

Upon the startup, the Grizzlies struck for a trio of home runs. Two were solo shots by Ryan Bixler, while the other was a grand slam off the bat of Colby Reed.

Austin Knowles, from Nassau, Bahamas, and Athens Christian High School in Georgia, hit a home run against the Grizzlies, driving in three runs. Jacob Van Pelt,

from Parker City and Delta High School, also homered.

Cole Filson, from Plymouth, went 3-3 against the Grizzlies.

Game 2 against Franklin started but the play was suspended in the third inning. That game will be marked as canceled and will not be made up.

On Sunday afternoon, Hanover edged the Spartans 8-7 in the first game of the day.

Manchester once again reached double figures in hits, finishing with 14.

Both Zach White, from Logansport, and Michael Pinarski, from Goshen, had three hits apiece.

Pinarski and Cole Filson each had two RBIs.

Carter Hooks, from Rochester, struck out 8 batters in 5.0 innings of relief work on Sunday.

Hanover's Jordan Parker was able to slow the Spartan offense in the second contest of the day, throwing a complete game. Parker scattered six hits and allowed just one run.

Manchester will host Earlham College at 4:15 p.m. at Gratz Field on Wednesday, April 14.

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Manchester men's tennis splits a pair

Spartans top Grace Christian

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's tennis team split a pair of non-conference matches on Saturday afternoon.

The Black and Gold picked up a 9-0 triumph over Grace Christian from Michigan.

The Spartans swept no. 1 and no. 2 doubles. Isaac Miller and Samuel Hollingsworth, from New Castle and Blue River Valley, teamed up for a 6-3 triumph at the no. 1 position while Andrew Kibler and Austin Arnold paired up for a 6-0 victory at the no. 2 position.

In singles action, Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School, won his no. 1 singles match 6-2, 6-2. Blake Rentschler, from Griffith and Bishop Noll High School, followed with a 6-1, 6-1 victory at the no. 2 flight. Connor Glenn, from Middlebury and Northridge High School, won his no. 3 singles match 6-2, 6-0 and Trevor Johnson, from Austin, added a 6-0, 6-2 victory at no. 4 singles.

MU's other three points came via forfeit.

Manchester dropped its second match of the afternoon against Bethel. The men will take on Franklin College on Saturday, April 17 as HCAC play resumes.

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Eichenauer leads women's tennis against Franklin

Senior earned 2 points against Franklin College

By DILLON BENDER

Senior Karly Eichenauer, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, led the Manchester University women's tennis team

against Franklin College on Sunday afternoon, picking up a pair of points for the Black and Gold.

Eichenauer paired with Natalie Kotlin, from Lowell, for an 8-5 victory at no. 1 doubles. Eichenauer would then go on to win her no. 1 singles match 6-4, 6-1. Karly is now 2-1 in singles play against

Heartland Collegiate Athletic

Conference (HCAC) competition.

Maddy Russow, from Logansport, had a competitive match at no. 2 singles, winning four games in the first set against Caitlin Fedor. Natalie Kotlin was edged at the no. 3 singles flight by Maecee Terhune 6-4, 6-2.

Michayle Rasbaugh, from LaGrange and Lakeland High

School, was narrowly edged at no. 4 singles 6-0, 7-5.

The Grizzlies improved 2-3, 1-1 HCAC following Sunday's 7-2 victory. Manchester returned to the courts on Tuesday afternoon at Bethel. Tuesday's match was a makeup from last week's rainout.

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NCAA on verge of transfer rule change

By RALPH D. RUSSO
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Whether it is the start of free agency in college sports or simply the fair thing to finally do for the athletes, the NCAA is about to make a monumental change to its transfer rules.

The Division I Council meets Wednesday and Thursday, and the agenda includes voting on a proposal that would grant all college athletes the ability to transfer one time as undergraduates without having to then sit out a season of competition.

All indications are the proposal will pass. When it does, athletes in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball and men's ice hockey will for the first time be immediately eligible to play after switching schools without asking for special permission.

For decades, the penalty of giving up a year of eligibility helped deter athletes from transferring, at least in those high-profile sports. In all other NCAA sports, athletes were allowed to switch schools once

before graduating and play immediately.

The exception will soon be available to everyone — which is likely to mean more transfers than ever.

The NCAA has been examining its rules regarding athletes who transfer seemingly forever. But three and a half years ago Sell was put in charge of a working group tasked with making substantive changes.

From that, the transfer portal was created and athletes no longer had to ask for permission to be released from their scholarships if they wanted to switch schools and receive financial aid. No longer could coaches stand in the way if a player wanted to leave or dictate where they could go.

Sell's group considered the idea of lifting the year-in-residence rule, which forced athletes to sit out the year after transferring, but never quite got there.

"We walked right up to this question ... but the Rice Commission report (on college basketball) came out and they asked that no further action be taken on transfers at the

time," said Mid-American Conference Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher, who was part of the working group. "So boom, we walk up to the question and then we stop."

Instead, the waiver process was tweaked to allow athletes to receive immediate eligibility by showing a hardship that necessitated the transfer. That led to problems.

Some high-profile players such as quarterback Justin Fields, who transferred from Georgia to Ohio State in 2019, were granted waivers by the NCAA, creating an expectation that all players would be cleared to play right away.

When that didn't happen, players, coaches and fans criticized the NCAA and claimed the waiver process was inconsistent and unfair. A working group led by Steinbrecher concluded that waivers were no solution.

"There was a broad segment of the membership that recognized that ultimately, what we needed to get to, is a legislative solution. Not a patchwork of waivers," said Steinbrecher, who is also a member of the DI Council.

Pacers coach Bobby 'Slick' Leonard dies

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bobby "Slick" Leonard, the former NBA player and Hall of Fame coach who won three ABA championships with the Indiana Pacers and spent more than a half century with the organization, has died. He was 88.

His death was announced by the Pacers on Tuesday. No details were given. He had been in failing health in recent years.

Leonard had a record of 573-534 in 14 seasons as a coach, the last 12 with the Pacers.

"Pacers fans will remember Bobby 'Slick' Leonard as the spirit of our franchise," team owner Herb Simon said in a statement. "With a charisma, intensity, and wit to match his nickname, Slick made us champions."

Leonard also made the winning free throws in the 1953 NCAA Tournament to give the Indiana Hoosiers the second of five national titles.